port development of ginger based products.

7. Imparting training to growers/agricultural officers on post harvest operations of ginger.

8. Providing subsidy for setting up of quality testing laboratory at expert level.

9. Printing and distribution of promotional literature reciepe cards in markets abroad through international fairs, Indian restaurants, etc.

[*Translation*]

Assistance for Tribal and Backward Areas Under Centrally Sponsored Schemes

4681. SHRI DILEEP SINGH BHURIA: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the assistance provided for development of tribal and backward areas under the Centrally sponsored schemes has been diverted to other activities by the various State Governments during Seventh Five Year Plan period;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise; and

(c) the remedial measures taken in the matter?

MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI SITARAM KESRI): (a) to (c): No formal Report has been received regarding diversion to funds provided for development of tribal and backward areas to other activities during the 7th Plan period.

[*English*]

Peace Keeping Operations In Yugoslavia

4682. SHRI P.M. SAYEED: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the UN had asked India to participate in the Peace Keeping Operations in Yugoslavia; and

(b) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI MADHAV SINH SOLANKI): (a) and (b) In response to UN's request, India has provided the services of a Lt. General as the Force Commander of the UN Protection Force in Yugoslavia (UNPROFOR).

Assent to Karnataka Educational Bill, 1983

4683. SHRI G. MADGOWDA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) when the Karnataka Education Bill, 1983 was received for President's assent; and

(b) when the Bill is likely to be accorded President's assent?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M.M. JACOB): (a) The Karnataka Education Bill, 1983 as passed by the State Legislature and reserved by the Governor for the consideration of the President was received on 16.7.1984.